GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2363
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QUALITY OF ITEMS PURCHASED BY N.C.C.F.
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Department of Personnel & Training have asked the Ministry of Consumer Affairs to direct NCCF to make purchases in bulk from the manufacturers;

(b) if so, the reasons for issuing such a direction and whether NCCF has complied with the same;

(c) if so, the details of items NCCF purchased during 1999 and so far along with the brand name, specifications, rates and status of suppliers in respect of staplers, staple pins, battery cells, slip pads, ruled registers, heat convectors, pedestal fans, etc.;

(d) whether the suppliers of NCCF are making supplies of items direct to the Government Departments;

(e) if so, the manner in which the quality and quantity of the items ensured;

(f) whether any steps have been taken to put a stop to this practice; and (g) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREEI PRASAD)

(a): On the advice of the Department of personnel and Training, the Department of Consumer Affairs have advised NCCF to make bulk purchases of goods from the manufacturers where these are not already being procured from them.

(b): The Department of Personnel and Training have been receiving complaints regarding quality and prices of goods supplied to the Government Departments. In view of this, they suggested bulk purchase of goods from manufacturers. However, since NCCF ensures supply of quality goods at competitive prices and the manufacturers/distribution/suppliers are willing to supply the goods on credit, the NCCF clarified that it was not necessary to buy bulk quantity of goods for the purposes of buffer stocking in anticipation of supply orders from the Government Departments. However, NCCF would exercise this option when such a need arises.

(c) : NCCF supplies a large number of stationery and other office use articles to Government Departments.In view of very high volume of transactions, it is practically impossible to compile the required information.

(d): Suppliers of NCCF are required to make supply of goods to the destinations as per the agreements with them.

(e): The officials of NCCF take necessary steps to ensure the supply of quality and quantity of goods.

(f) & (g): Does not arise in view of (d) and (e) above.